

**REMARKS**

In the final action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 – 11, 13 – 21, 23 – 33 as unpatentable under 35 USC §103 as obvious in view of Scott in light of the admitted prior art. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants continue to maintain that the Examiner is misapplying the remarks made by the Applicant in the disclosure. Reference to FASSON<sup>®</sup> R10 was intended as part of the enabling disclosure and not as an admission of prior art.

In addition, even if the discussion in the disclosure of the FASSON<sup>®</sup> R10 adhesive is an admission of prior art, there is nothing in the Scott reference to teach or suggest combining its teachings with an adhesive having the properties recited in the present claims. The labels of Scott are designed for product packages. There is nothing to teach or suggest the need to use an adhesive which can retain its adhesive properties over a broad range of temperatures. Thus there is nothing to suggest combining the teachings of Scott with an adhesive as specified in the claims.

Similarly, that rubber based adhesives exist such as FASSON<sup>®</sup> R10 does not teach or suggest that it be combined with the labels described in Scott.

Absent a teaching or suggesting with the reference to make a combination the claimed invention is not obvious in light of the combined references.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

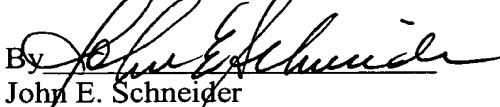
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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P02166US0 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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